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TAGS: OVIP (HESBURGH, FATHER THEODORE H.), BR, TATT

SUBJECT: US-BRAZILIAN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON UNCSTD

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FATHER THEODORE HESBURGH, PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, AND CHAIRMAN (WITH PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR) OF USDEL TO UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED FOR VIENNA IN AUGUST 1979. HESBURGH CURRENTLY ATTENDING MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES AND STAYING AT EMBAIXADOR HOTEL, PORTO ALEGRE.

2. DEPARTMENT PLEASED AND GRATEFUL YOUR SUCCESSFUL ROUND BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND JAPAN WHICH HAVE PROVIDED USEFUL INSIGHTS ON COUNTRY PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL

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MOST EFFECTIVE EXPOSITION OF US APPROACH AND OBJECTIVES.

3. PANAMA MEETING AUGUST 17-21 OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA CONCERNED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD WAS DISAPPOINTING IN ITS FRAGMENTARY RESULTS; TENSIONS WITHIN LATIN GROUP; DOCTRINAIRE THIRD WORLD RHETORIC AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS; AND

UNREALISTIC DEMANDS FOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY FINANCING

OF LATIN S&T DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES (SEE USDEL REPORT IN SEPTTEL TO BRASILIA). MOST REGRETTABLE ASPECT WAS LIMITED ABILITY OF USDEL TO BREAK THROUGH THIS CLOUDED ATMOSPHERE TO ENGAGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON ITS PROSPECTS.

4. SYG DA COSTA WAS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM PANAMA MEETING BECAUSE OF CERTAIN PIQUE OVER LATIN-LED G77 OPPOSITION TO AND DEFEAT OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD PREPCOM III IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH POSTPONED TO JANUARY.

5. BRAZILIANS FIELDED STRONG DELEGATION TO PANAMA LED BY NEWLY ENLISTED AMBASSADOR OZARIO DE ALMEIDA WHO EFFECTIVELY COMPOSED SOME LATIN DIFFERENCES AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MODERATING TONE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION. THIS NEW AND STRONG BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN SUCCESS OF UNCSTD DESERVES ENCOURAGEMENT AND APPLAUSE. THEREFORE, SUGGEST, IF AMBASSADOR HESBURGH AGREEABLE, THAT EMBASSY SEEK POLICY LEVEL APPOINTMENT FOR HIM IF SCHEDULE PERMITS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RESPECTIVE COUNTRY PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS BRAZILIAN APPRAISAL OF RESULTS OF PANAMA MEETING AND PROBLEMS IT COULD POSE FOR FUTURE PREPARATORY MEETINGS. CHRISTOPHER

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